



Islip, NY – The Islip Town Board has scheduled a public hearing on August 17 to adopt legislation that will ban the use of chemical pesticides at all of the Town’s 106 parks, in addition to many local facilities that the public use on a daily a basis.

The initiative is sponsored by Councilman John Edwards and is aimed at promoting the use of organic lawn care practices in the maintenance of Town-owned properties.

Organic lawn care practices consist of using natural materials instead of chemicals to treat and maintain grass fields and plant life. Town officials also stressed the importance of keeping residents safe from harmful chemicals. It will reduce the amount of these chemicals that end up in the bay due to storm water runoff. The legislation will not apply to golf courses.

“Hopefully the example set by the Town will lead others to cut down on pesticides and other potentially harmful chemicals” said Councilman Edwards about the proposed legislation.

“This is a sensible, pro-active policy that will make Islip Town grounds and parks safer for families, pets, and the environment. We’re hopeful residents follow this example to reduce and eliminate toxic pesticides from their home lawns and gardens. In addition to protecting public health, this protects the health of our bays, finfish, and shellfish,” stated Maureen Dolan Murphy, Executive Programs Manager for the Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

The public hearing will be held as part of the Town Board Meeting scheduled for 1:00pm on Tuesday, August 17 at Islip Town Hall. Councilman Edwards’ office can be reached at (631)

224-5559 for any questions regarding the proposed legislation.

Pictured (right to left) is Councilman Edwards along with Maureen Dolan Murphy, Executive Programs Manager for the Citizens Campaign for the Environment, who have voiced their support for the pesticide ban.